

SGA

Reports of academic dishonesty on the rise

Honor program works to educate students, faculty in resolving disputes

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

Reports of academic dishonesty are on the rise at K-State.

David Allen, of the K-State Honor and Integrity Program, briefed the Student Senate Thursday night on new efforts to reduce academic dishonesty.

The Honor Council was formed 13 years ago, he said, due to K-State making national news over an incident related to academic dishonesty. The system was formed by students, for students, Allen said.

If students are found to be in violation of the honor policy, violations that include cheating, unauthorized collaboration and plagiarism, faculty members can sanction them and report them to the honor council.

The program has begun a new campaign to encourage faculty to talk to students before reporting them, he said. Sometimes, a student is collaborating in an unauthorized manner and does not even realize it.

If the issue can be resolved between the instructor and student without the Honor Council's involvement, that is acceptable, he said. There currently is no mandatory reporting process.

A database has been maintained for 10 years, tracking violators of the honor policy. Currently, 1,300 to 1,400 names are in the database.

They are focusing on educating incoming freshman as well as the faculty.

"Our goal is to deal with students early, during their freshman to sophomore year," Allen said. "We don't want to deal with this in a punitive way, but to deal with them in an educational way."

The program has held 49 presentations from August

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INSPIRATIONAL

Renowned author, teacher speaks at K-State

Sir Ken Robinson advocates for passion, imagination and creativity in speech

Sara Gudde
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To Sir Ken Robinson, "creativity is imagination at work." Robinson has dedicated his life to presenting around the world on the importance of fostering creativity, imagination and natural talent. Thursday, at 3:30 p.m., Robinson shared this message with a sold-out McCain Auditorium.

Within seconds of Robinson appearing on stage, his jokes had the audience bursting with laughter.

"I decided to come see Sir Ken Robinson because I had seen his videos on YouTube, which brought up points about education I'd never thought about before," said Matt James, senior in industrial engineering and economics. "And he is really funny."

Robinson is known for more than his humor.

Queen Elizabeth II knighted him in 2003 for his service to the arts. He received the Benjamin Franklin Medal of the Royal Society of Arts for outstanding contributions to cultural relations between the United Kingdom and the United States. He was a professor of education at the University of Warwick in the U.K. and is now professor emeritus. In the United States, Robinson received the Peabody Medal for contributions to the arts and culture.

In his lecture at McCain, Robinson conveyed the necessity to transform the education system, because "No Child Left Behind has left millions of children behind over the past 10 years," he said. Robinson insisted imaginations are systematically stifled by the current education system.

Robinson said education systems are faltering due to the digital revolution and the immense population growth in the past century.

Robinson said, to be "in your element," you must find where your passions and natural talents meet, and in order to instill this in future generations, we must create "different conditions for growth."

Changing the conditions for growth results in a harvest of diverse talent and creativity, Robinson said.

Robinson's message was received

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Nathaniel LaRue | Collegian

Sir Ken Robinson, bestselling author and professor emeritus of Warwick University, tells a joke during his speech at McCain Auditorium on Thursday afternoon. He spoke to a full audience about the future of education and what the human mind is capable of. Students who were unable to buy tickets could watch the lecture in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union.

Internships prove helpful in employment

Companies hire students with more internship experience, survey shows

Sam Diederich
staff writer

College students are expected to fill dual roles: one as an avid and engaged learner in the classroom, the other as an eager and ambitious intern in the workplace.

More employers are turning to internship rosters when considering how to fill vacant full-time positions, according to a survey by the Wall Street Journal.

Out of the almost 480 college recruiters included in the survey, a quarter reported more than 50 percent of their new graduate hires previously served as interns at the company. Another 14 percent reported that more than 75 percent of hires had, at one time, been company interns.

The numbers make sense, said Bradford Cunningham, academic adviser for the college of business administration.

"That's exactly what we are finding," Cunningham said.



Mina Hosni, senior in mechanical engineering, talks with her former internship boss at Occidental Petroleum Corporation, **Terry Gee**, about his recent experience climbing Pike's Peak during a run-in at the All-University Career Fair at Bramlage Coliseum.

"We encourage our students to get one, if not two, internships. Those experiences usually land jobs."

Cunningham believes that internships are attractive to employers not just because of

field experience, but also because of familiarity with the company.

"A company that has invested time and resources into an intern will want to hire that person, assuming they fit the

company," Cunningham said. "They don't want to lose that investment of time by hiring someone who does not have

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Party 100 years in making starts today

Department of Grain Science and Industry celebrates centennial

Sam Diederich
staff writer

The teenyboppers celebrating their sweet 16th birthdays on MTV won't have anything on the 100-year anniversary celebration of K-State's Grain Science and Industry department.

The Department of Grain Science and Industry holds several events today and Saturday to mark its 100th birthday, including a golf tournament scholarship fundraiser, open house tours of facilities across the department and the ground breaking of a new \$13 million facility.

Courtney Fowler, consultant for the department and coordinator for the celebration, expects to see a large and varied crowd.

"We are expecting about 250 alumni and students, international and national," Fowler said. "We have people

coming in from Switzerland and all over the world."

A golf tournament on Friday at Colbert Hills Golf Course will kick off the weekend's events. Proceeds go toward a fund for student scholarships.

"It's an opportunity for alumni and friends to get together and help raise money for student scholarships," Fowler said.

After the golf tournament, visitors have a chance to unwind during a reception at the Clarion Hotel.

On Saturday morning, visitors can tour new K-State facilities that, according to department head and professor of grain science and industry Dirk Maier, are essential to making the department's next 100 years as successful as the first.

"There have been three buildings built in the last five years, and on Saturday we will break ground on a new feed technology and bio-refinery facility," Maier said. "Without

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Skylar Stephen Council, of the 900 block of Grant Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$188.

Quinten Charles Watts, of the 600 block of Spring Hill Lane, was booked for failure to appear and for possession of opiates, opium or narcotics. Bond was set at \$1,035.

THURSDAY
John Robert Marshall, of the 1100 block of Claflin Road, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Luis Romero Santiago, of the 1700 block of Fair Lane, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Joshuah Johan Staab, of the 1400 block of Humboldt Street, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,000.

To see more daily arrest reports from the Riley County Police Department, visit kstatecollegian.com.



Don't want to see **YOU** on page 2.
BE RESPONSIBLE

Collegian series wins Rolling Stone competition

editorial board

The Collegian's editor-in-chief, Jason Strachman Miller, is the recipient of Rolling Stone's 35th annual College Journalism Award, and he will be featured in the magazine's Oct. 14 issue.

Strachman Miller entered a series on a K-State student, who was referred to as "Thomas Swanson" in the series. Swanson underwent conversion therapy to be "cured" of his same-sex attractions. "Swanson" was an alias used to protect the student's privacy.

In addition to the recognition in Rolling Stone, Strachman Miller will also receive a \$2,500 prize.

The Collegian is proud of his recognition, and all staff members will continue to strive for journalistic excellence.

Though Strachman Miller's series was printed in last semester's Collegian, this semester, the staff will continue to circulate meaningful news and stories throughout the K-State campus.

To read Strachman Miller's series on Swanson's conversion therapy, visit the Collegian's website at kstatecollegian.com.

POLICE REPORTS

Austin Enns
staff writer

Shotguns reported missing

A local man reported that his unlocked vehicle was broken into and that several items were stolen, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

Ryan Thomas, 22, of the 900 block of Vattier Street, reported his Remington shotgun and the nylon case stolen out of an unlocked vehicle located in the same block of Vattier.

Jared Keating, 23, of the 900 block of Vattier Street, also reported a Remington shotgun and its nylon case stolen out of the same vehicle. The shotguns and cases were each valued at \$850.

According to the police report, three reports of car break-ins were filed. The police have yet to identify a suspect.

KenKen | Medium

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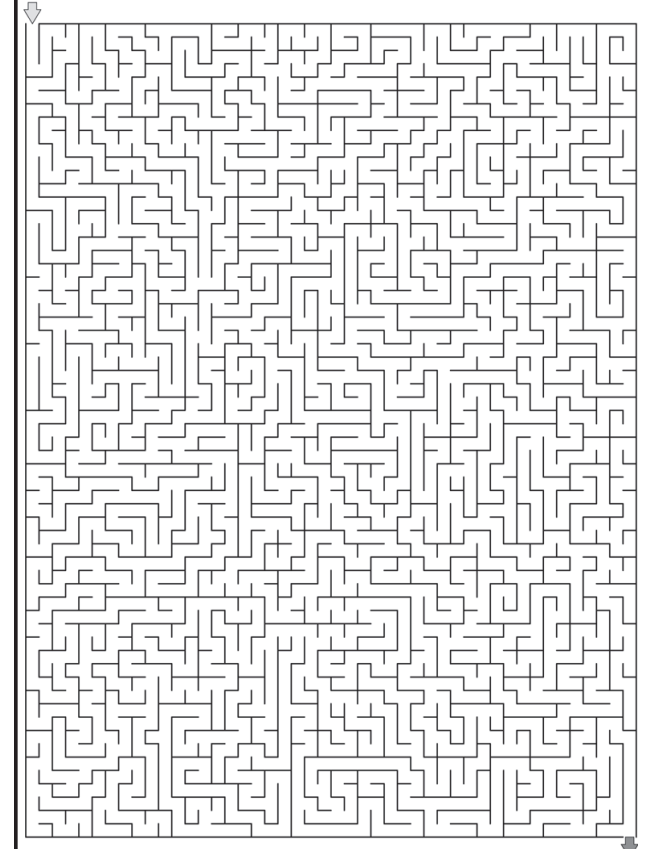
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Kan. senator draws on roots in gubernatorial campaign

Sen. Sam Brownback, Parker, Kan., native, discusses his platform

Austin Enns
staff writer

Take a careful look around the Department of Economics on the third floor of Waters Hall and you might notice a certificate bearing the face of a much younger Sen. Sam Brownback.

This certificate, awarded for "leadership and contributions to agriculture," illustrates Brownback's strong ties to his home state. The award is fitting since the Republican is probably one of the most well known Kansans due to his public service in both houses of Congress, but it was awarded in 1987 when he was still the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture.

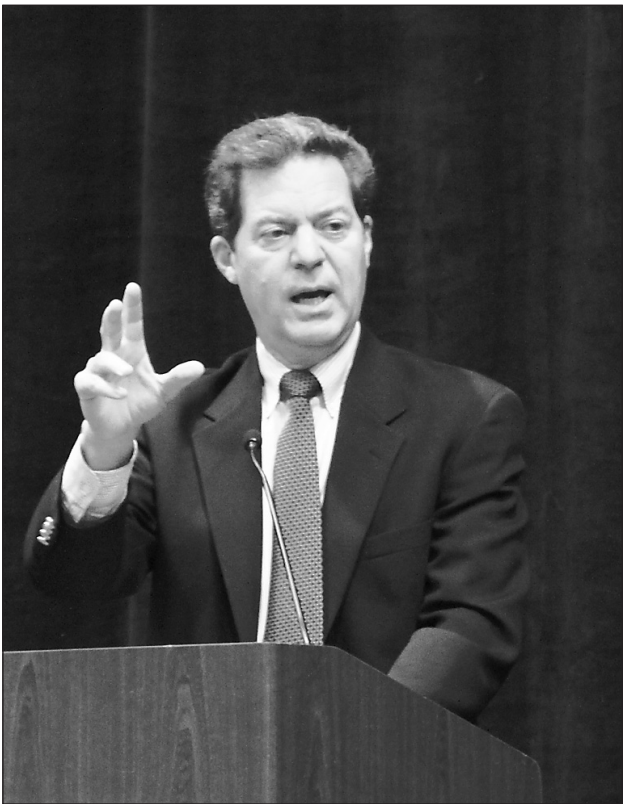
In the upcoming gubernatorial election, Brownback uses his name recognition to emphasize his roots and get Kansans interested in his campaign.

"I'm from Parker, Kan., I was raised on a farm, and my parents still live on the farm where I grew up," Brownback said.

Instead of picking between K-State and the University of Kansas, Brownback chose both, getting his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from K-State, then going on to get his law degree at KU.

Brownback first held a national office in 1994, when he was elected to the House of Representatives. After one term, he went to the Senate to fill the seat Bob Dole vacated when Dole decided to run for president.

After completing the two remaining years in Dole's seat, Brownback was elected to two terms as a senator. Brownback is now at the end of his second full term as sen-



Sen. Sam Brownback, speaks to a group in Overland Park, Kan., in August. Sen. Brownback, R-Kan., is on the campaign trail attempting to win the gubernatorial election in November.

ator and said he is "fulfilling the pledge" to limit himself to two stints in office.

Now, Brownback is shifting his focus to helping lead Kansas at a state level instead of at a national level. He is now campaigning with his candidate for lieutenant governor, Jeff Colyer, and during the primaries they launched a tour, traveling to every county in Kansas.

"My running mate and I will be in all 105 counties between the primary and election, and we have covered 65 percent of them already," Brownback said. "We had a very full agenda of meetings."

Brownback's campaign planks start with growing the state's economy, improv-

ing education, reforming the government and supporting the family. Each of the points is divided into areas which, when combined, create a comprehensive platform.

Growing the state economy is one of Brownback's biggest issues in the election and he thinks the best way to foster growth is to limit the state government's role in the economy.

"You got a couple of main things that are key to growth in a state," Brownback said. "One is to keep the tax rates down, and the other is to keep low regulation, and the best way to keep taxes down is to keep spending down, and it's the best way to promote long-term growth."

In support of this idea, Brownback proposed creating the Office of the Repealer, whose job would be to recommend regulations and statutes that should be repealed.

One of the causes of concern for Brownback is the loss of population from the rural portions of Kansas. He said he would like to put more emphasis on growth in those regions.

"I'd like to see our economic initiatives do better in rural areas, because I don't think our programs work in those areas," Brownback said. "We would like to create free enterprise areas in rural areas, and create more development tools to get college graduates back to these areas."

Improving education is separate from the other planks, but Brownback said he sees education as a core function of state government that will help out the economy in the long run.

In the present, though, he has more immediate problems to fix in the education system, including school funding.

"I think we need to address the school finance formula," Brownback said. "It's back under litigation, and we want to deal with it in a way that doesn't force consolidation of schools."

Education ties into his next promise to reform government. Brownback said he wants the state to decrease funding for "non-essential" areas of government while making sure there are no substantial decreases in funding for the core areas of public health, security and education.

In order to facilitate cuts in

spending, Brownback wants to freeze state spending at current levels.

Spending is not the sole focus of the reforming government plank, though, and Brownback also said he wants the state government to work on its openness.

"People know what government does, but they don't know what it accomplishes," Brownback said. "We would like to put more measurable in government, like putting budgets on the Internet and having more transparency so people can compare."

The budget is already posted online at budget.ks.gov/default.htm, containing a breakdown of expenditures from all funding sources by agency in a PDF labeled "Comparison Report," starting on page 103. However, Brownback's campaign office maintained the need for a more transparent and comprehensive budget online.

Supporting the family is Brownback's final campaign goal. Some of the major points for this goal include cracking down on meth labs and human trafficking as well as ending unnecessary reductions in public assistance for newly married couples.

K-State plays a big part in Brownback's plans for the state, and he said he thinks the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility will help make K-state the "intellectual center" of the animal health industry.

"I think we can leverage NBAF to get more of the animal health industry, and we can use it to grow the industry in our area," Brownback said. "I think it is really feasible."

Local salons to participate in cancer fundraiser

Clip for the Cure gives Manhattan residents opportunity to donate to breast cancer research

Karen Ingram
opinion editor

October is a prime time for people to do good deeds as the 20th annual Clip for the Cure campaign kicks off. Participating salons across the country host events throughout the month of October, donating proceeds to the Regis Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

MasterCuts, located in the Manhattan Town Center, will participate in the campaign by offering kids' haircuts for \$12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Children 12 years old and under are eligible.

Brooke Hammonds, manager of MasterCuts, said the shop has been participating in the program for over five years. The \$12 price is \$1.95 less than the usual price, and the entire amount will be donated to Clip for the Cure, Hammonds said.

"It's a really good cause," she said. "It's going to be a fun day."

Manhattan residents who miss the event or who do not have children will have another chance to help the campaign two weeks later. Regis Salon, also located in the Manhattan Town Center, plans to participate in the program Oct. 16. Regis Salon will donate money from any haircut, not just children's, and will also offer a bake sale and raffle draw for people who do not need a haircut.

Cara Bilyew, manager of Regis Salon, said the salon has been participating in the campaign since its inception in 1991. Bilyew said she has been working at Regis Salon for nine years and thinks the program is a wonderful way to support the breast cancer cause.

"I have several clients, friends and family who have been diagnosed," Bilyew said. "It's a great way to raise money and hopefully find a cure."

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and there are 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. today, according to Clip for the Cure's website. The foundation has raised \$6.5 million to date and donates money to research facilities such as the Mayo Clinic and the Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota.

The Regis Corporation has been raising awareness of breast cancer since 1990, according to the website. Former Regis chairman Myron Kuni's wife, Anita, officially founded the Regis Foundation in 1994, after she survived her own battle with cancer.

In addition to various events, 10 percent of the net proceeds from all Regis branded hair products sold will be donated to the campaign throughout the month of October.

Other salons across the country have different participation dates. A list of participating salons and the full calendar of events can be found at clipforthecure.org.

Look at the birdie



Haoyi Sun, sophomore in business administration, returns the shuttlecock while playing badminton at Peters Recreation Complex on Wednesday evening.

McCain hosts 'Wild' performance

Jack Hanna to bring up to 20 animals onstage

Colton Youngs
junior staff writer

Jack Hanna is set to perform at McCain Auditorium tonight with his presentation, "Into the Wild Life."

The show is the first in this year's McCain Performance Series.

Hanna's approach to wildlife and zoo management earned him the position of director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in Ohio. He is also well-known for his appearances on talk shows, including "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Today Show."

Hanna was also the host of the children's show "Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures." He developed a new children's show 12 years later, which he also hosts, called "Jack Hanna's Into the Wild." The show won an Emmy in 2008 for Outstanding Children's Series.

Todd Holmberg, executive director for McCain Auditorium, said Hanna is bringing



Jack Hanna, who hosts the Emmy Award-winning children's show, "Jack Hanna's Into the Wild," brings his show to K-State tonight at 7:30 in McCain Auditorium.

around 20 animals to talk to the audience about. He also said a video showing Hanna's travels should make for an exciting and unpredictable performance.

Sunset Zoo is bringing animals as part of their ZooMobile program and is setting up an activity table in the lobby.

Before the show, there will be an informal pre-performance talk with Scott Shoemaker, director for the Sunset

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STREET TALK


What will you be doing this weekend without a football game?

"Going home."




Matt Nolte
FRESHMAN, JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS

"I usually work the football games, so I'm gonna go harvest."




Robert Beyer
JUNIOR, AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

"I don't watch the games, so homework, same as every weekend."



Josh Zavala
JUNIOR, COMPUTER SCIENCE

"Drink, go to Lawrence."




Matt Eder
SENIOR, MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

"Going home."



Tiffany Huckaby
SOPHOMORE, LIFE SCIENCES

"Just hanging out with friends for the most part and studying. I have like four papers due Monday."




DJ Harrity,
FRESHMAN, SOCIOLOGY

"Just staying here and studying. Probably watch some movies; got some new Netflix."



Katelyn Kuecker
JUNIOR, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

"We're cheerleaders, so we're finally taking a break and going to see family."



Rylee Abernathy
FRESHMAN, OPEN OPTION

Though there may be no football this week, check out today's Sports page for other sports coverage.

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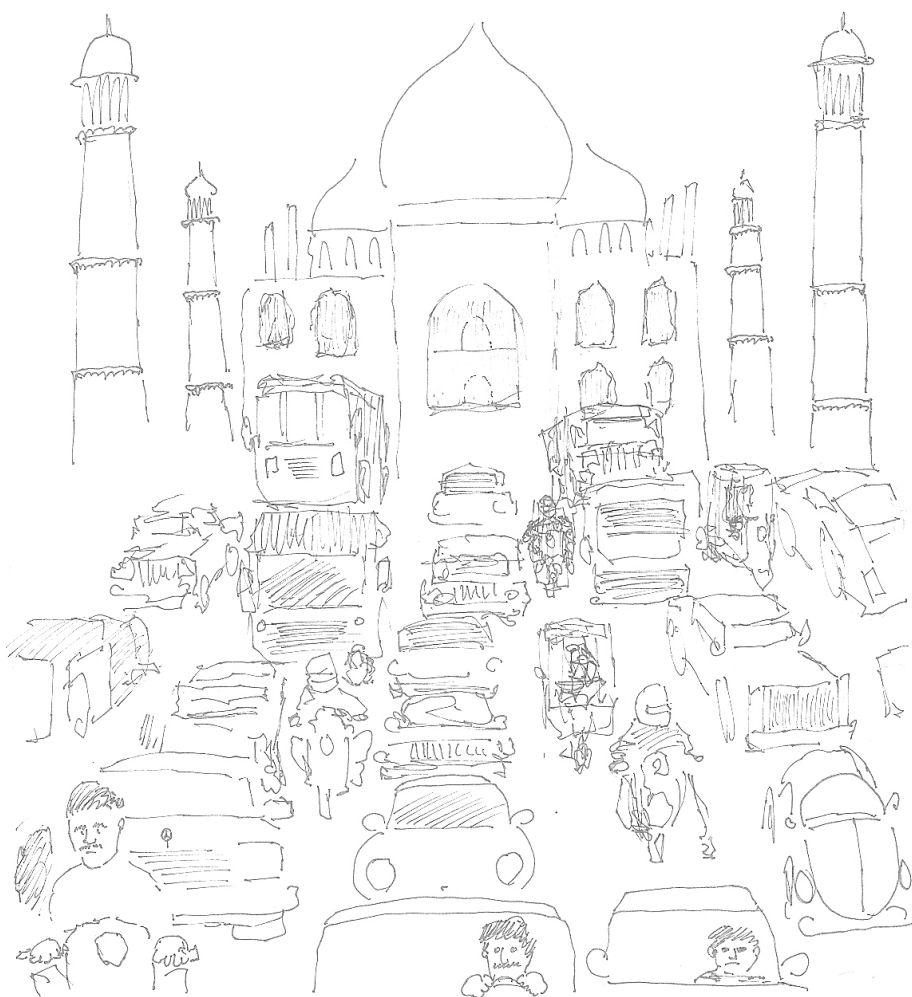


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Country's rich culture touches Americans' lives



Balasubramany Meenakshisundaram

Have you ever wondered about that little country in southern Asia called India? Ever been fascinated by its appearance or culture and wanted to know more about it? Well, here's a five-minute crash course on India as it is to you.

It is well-known that India is a country with over a billion people. It also has more than 200 languages and is the largest democracy in the world. It is probably also known that India is home to perhaps every major religion in the world.

It is the largest producer of tea and rice, spices and herbs. Now in the 21st century, India has become one of the largest information technology capitals in the world, according to the Wall

Street Journal. It is likely that the lives of everyone in the U.S. were touched by India in some way or another.

So what does this country with a history spanning over 3,000 years have to offer? Sure, we can all get a piece of its culture and a taste of the oldest languages, if we are up for it, but what else can we get from the country that gave us the number zero?

India is the second fastest growing economy, according to a March 16 article in the Times of India, and will outpace China as the fastest by 2018. This is mainly due to the free market trade and the advance of major business conglomerates in India. Businesses are attracted to India's cheap labor, abundant human resources, quality professionals and support from the state, in terms of infrastructure. Almost all major players in many industries, ranging from automotive to high-tech software companies, have opened shops in India, be it Microsoft, Texas Instruments, Hyundai or BMW.

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are planning for your retirement or you are receiving medical treatment for some condition, you are probably connected to an Indian halfway across the globe. He or she is going over your tax papers or your medical test results, or he is the one patiently explaining to you that you need to turn your machine on for it to work.

Philosophically, India is a land of paradoxes. It is the home of all extremities. From the soaring peaks of the Himalayas to the flat, fertile plains of the Ganges. From ox-driven bullock carts to the Ferraris and Audis. From centuries-old places of worship to the posh late-night clubs in bustling cities. From corruption in power to the selfless sacrifice. From the nuclear capability to the peace talks. India is the true epitome of patience and a true ambassador for peace. In fact, India never invaded a foreign land even once in the past two millennia.

Religiously, India is the home of any major religion in the world. It is also the birth place of two of them: Hinduism and Buddhism. It is probably only in India you will see a mosque

and a temple rubbing shoulders and sharing a wall. Only in India will you see a Muslim who is an Indian before a Muslim. Also, it is probably only in India you see people from all the different faiths represented in the country's government.

India, with its diverse geography and culture, has a variety of different cuisines under her belt. From the flavorful "sambhar vada" from Chennai to the "aalo paratha" of the North, and from the mesmerizing tea of Assam to the delicious "lassi" of Punjab — the variety and the taste are endless. We Indians live by the saying "variety is the spice of life."

So yes, India is corrupt, it is crowded and some might think it is dirty and polluted. But in the end, it is also the only country that can stick together despite all its differences and shortcomings, make strides on the global stage and make a difference in the world today; it is the land of the future.

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Illegal immigration bill targets non-white people



Roberto Villarreal Meraz

Have you ever heard of Arizona Senate Bill 1070? If you have, you probably also heard it's a racist law.

The bill's objective is to stop illegal immigration by prohibiting people from transporting and employing illegal immigrants, or to arrest every person a police officer thinks is an illegal immigrant, so there will be no more illegal immigrants in Arizona. But are they trying to do so the right way?

The issue is not just in Arizona; it is becoming nationwide — 22 states are considering or will soon consider similar laws, according to an Aug. 18 Politics Daily article by Tom Diemer.

Legislators are drafting Arizona-style immigration bills in Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma — all states surrounding Kansas — meaning we might have to deal with this issue soon.

The objective has intentions, but the way S.B. 1070 plans to accomplish its objective is what causes controversy. Under this law, it is a criminal offense with at least a \$1,000 fine for transporting an illegal immigrant. The immigrant could get up to six months in jail and \$2,500 in



Illustration by Erin Logan

fines, in addition to federal deportation to his or her country of origin.

The critical point about S.B. 1070 is the statement, "For any lawful contact made by a law enforcement official or agency of this state ... where reasonable suspicion exists that the person is an alien who is unlawfully present in the U.S., a reasonable attempt shall be

made, when practicable, to determine the immigration status of the person."

First of all, it leaves the door open for interpretation of what "lawful contact" may be. If I'm on my way to the gym and get pulled over for speeding and a police officer asks me for my U.S. birth certificate and I forgot it, would he be authorized to make a "reasonable

attempt" to verify my status? How does he carry out this attempt? By detaining me for hours until he verifies I'm a legal or U.S. citizen, or until I can prove I'm here legally in the "land of the free?"

The other constitutional issue is where it addresses: "A law enforcement officer, without a warrant, may arrest a person if the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed any public offense that makes the person removable from the U.S."

Does this mean a police officer can arrest someone because he thinks the small, brown guy wearing non-name-brand clothing might be illegally in the U.S.? I ask what is more probable to happen, a Canadian illegal immigrant being caught by the police, or a U.S. citizen of Arabic descent being arrested until the police can "verify" his legal status?

This is why the law is so controversial.

Do you think the law's objective is to stop illegal immigration or to stop illegal non-white immigration?

I think this is a racially biased law. Believe me, I worry about it because maybe next semester I will have to bring my visa everywhere I go and might need to carry my U.S. birth certificate, too.

I'm legally here, but I'm not white. I'm Hispanic and don't have a "cool" accent.

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BUMP IT UP

Volleyball faces issues heading into next match

Sam Nearhood
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The K-State volleyball team played some rough matches recently and a good number have resulted in wins, but there is still one potential problem.

“There’s certainly a momentum issue right now, in terms of us being able to continue to make improvement and build upon what we’ve been able to do,” said head coach Suzie Fritz. “I think we’ve lost our identity a little bit.”

In the last few matches, the team was swinging from high to low and back again in an unpredictable shift that sometimes helps and sometimes hinders, and Fritz said it was starting to wear on her.

“It’s hard to stay optimistic when you know your team is capable of doing more,” Fritz said. “We’re not in a great rhythm right now as a team.”

It had better get it back pretty soon, though, because K-State returns to conference action Saturday, and it chose a tough team to play.

With a narrow victory under its belt from last Tuesday, K-State (8-7, 2-2 Big 12 Conference) plays its only road match in a two-week block against Texas A&M (9-5, 3-1) in College Station, Texas, in what will certainly be close competition, Fritz said.

“They have a lot of good players,” Fritz said.

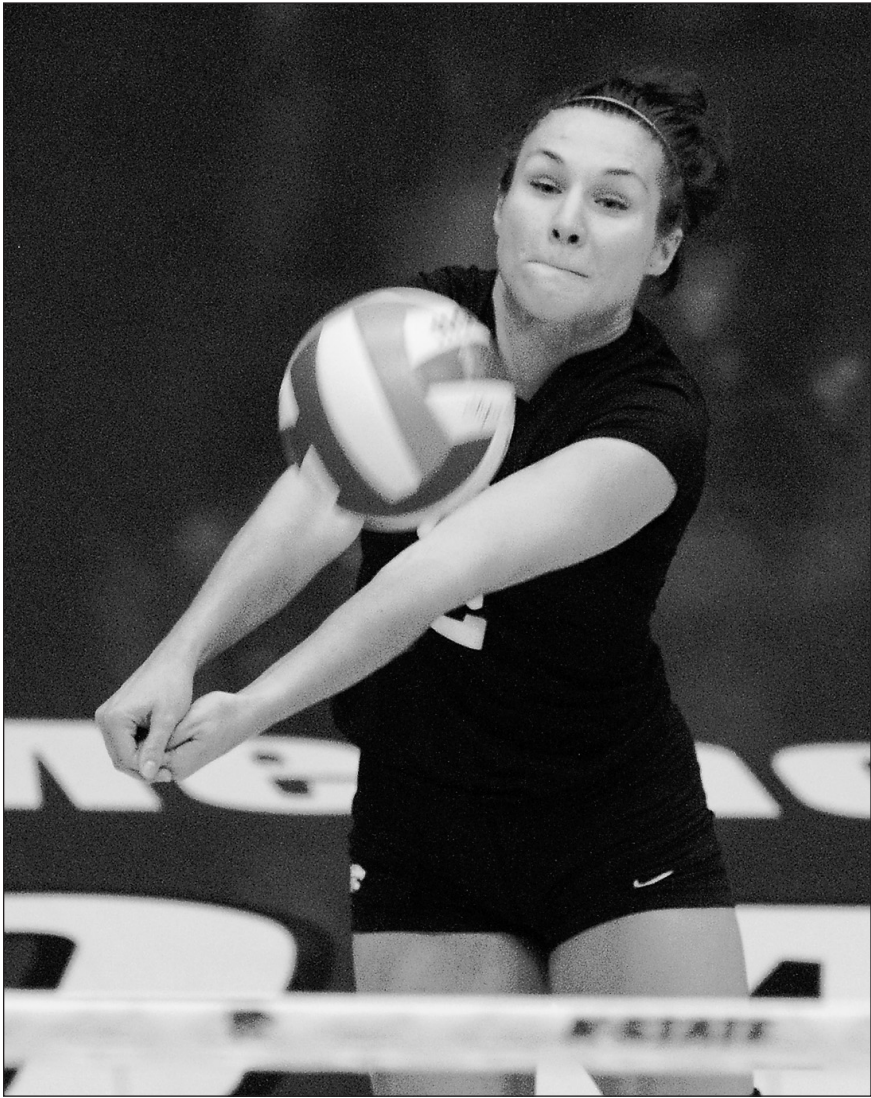
Adding to its difficult opponent, K-State is out of Ahearn Field House for the first time in a week and a half, which Fritz said would only make things worse.

“I think like any other time, when we go on the road, it’s more difficult to play well on the road and out of your own environment,” Fritz said.

The Aggies pulled off two wins against conference teams last week, sweeping Texas Tech and just notching a victory over Colorado in five games. K-State also swept Texas Tech, but lost to Colorado in five. Earlier this year, the Aggies opened conference play with a huge upset over then-No. 8 Texas by trouncing the team in three games, much against the expectations of all.

Texas A&M has only two team statistics that stand out in the league: opponent hitting percentage and serving aces. The former, which ranks second, suggests the Aggies have a strong defense, but their other rankings do not necessarily support that. However, they are sporting one of the best hitters in the area.

The big gun on the Aggies’ side is junior



Nathaniel LaRue | Collegian

Senior libero **Lauren Mathewson** digs the ball during the volleyball game against UMKC on Sept. 28. The team’s next game is scheduled for Saturday in College Station, Texas.

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New schedule shows promise



Ashley Dunkak

I know only four games have been played so far this season, but when I saw the press release for the 2011 football schedule, I couldn’t help but fast-forward to next September, when the Wildcats host seven games in Manhattan, face all Big 12 Conference opponents and play in an NFL stadium — not Arrowhead.

When I saw the names of our first two opponents of next season — Eastern Kentucky and Kent State — it occurred to me the only context in which I’ve ever heard of them is probably in the NCAA basketball tournament, usually seeded somewhere in the range of No. 12 to No. 15. Getting back to football, it sounds like K-State should have better “tune-up” opportunities than it did this season. Opening against UCLA this year, while a great experience, was not exactly the ideal opener in which coaches can substitute freely to see what everyone can do in a game situation.

The odd part about the beginning of 2011 is the home opener on Sept. 3 is followed by a bye week. Excuse me? Last year we didn’t even have an off week during the season; this year it precludes a pair of Thursday night games, and next season it is the second week of the season. I would think getting into a rhythm might be difficult if the team plays one game and waits two weeks to play again. On the other side, the longer break could give everyone that much more time to practice, learn their schemes and focus in on Kent State.

In the fourth week of the season, K-State plays Miami at the Dolphins stadium. In this case, I think the Wildcats get the best of both worlds. They don’t have to give up a home game for a neutral location, but the players get the experience of playing where the professionals do.

Two teams the Wildcats visit this season, the Baylor Bears of Waco, Texas, and the Missouri Tigers of Columbia, Mo., will return the favor in 2011, giving K-State back-to-back Big 12 games in Manhattan to begin the month of October. In the following weeks, they take on Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas, and KU in Lawrence — again. I’m wondering how KU got out of a visit to the Bill Snyder Family Stadium since we play them in Lawrence this season, too, but I’m confident we can beat the Jayhawks all the same.

That two-game road stretch

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Slaughter shows steady improvement as linebacker

Ashley Dunkak
sports editor

Nearly two minutes into the fourth quarter of the game against Central Florida, a play unfolded that would epitomize K-State’s defensive performance that game. The Knights were in the red zone, on K-State’s four-yard line, on third down. At that point, UCF only held a 7-3 lead.

The Knights had taken a timeout to plan their final attempt at a touchdown, but they were thwarted when linebacker Blake Slaughter broke through the offensive line and crumpled UCF quarterback Jeffrey Godfrey for a sack, resulting in a 10-yard loss.

Slaughter, who began the season as the reserve and has been a steadily rising contender for a starting linebacker spot since then, has exemplified the relentless and unified attitude of the defense, which allowed field goal attempts but only one touchdown in the 17-13 K-State victory over UCF on Sept. 25.

In his second year with

the team, Slaughter spent the spring trying to feel his way out, determine his place with the team. He said he took good strides in the spring, built off those and worked on his deficiencies during the summer, and came out during camp and just did his best and was trying to help out the team.

“I mean, ultimately, you’re coming in as a sophomore, you’re coming in as a young player, you just want to help the team,” Slaughter said. “That’s all I’m out here trying to do; help the team any way I can and not be a liability.”

Slaughter said a major step he took was in the realm of consistency. He focused on consistently doing things right: taking the right steps, making the right reads, hand placement and other aspects of the position.

All the work is evidently paying off; in the game against UCF, Slaughter led K-State with 13 tackles in the game. Head coach Bill Snyder said while the sophomore is still developing, he is playing well.

“He’s a very competitive

young guy,” Snyder said. “I like his spirit. I like how hard he plays. He’s still learning about A) the system, and B) just being at the right place at the right time. His aggressiveness sometimes can get him out of position, but overall he’s done well. Numbers are good, but there’s a little more to it than that.”

At only 5-feet-11, Slaughter often goes up against much bigger players. Snyder and other players have said his height — or lack thereof — does not really make a difference as far as the way he plays.

“People get overlooked because of their size, but that doesn’t really matter to me,” said senior defensive end Antonio Felder. “Small people can do the same things that bigger people can do. I’m a small defensive end, and I can do the same things those people are going to do.”

Snyder said he is an example of a smaller player whose impact on the defense has been anything but.

“I wouldn’t judge anyone’s

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Matt Binter | Collegian

Sophomore linebacker **Blake Slaughter** sacks UCF quarterback during the Sept. 25 football game. Slaughter led the Wildcats with 13 tackles in the game, which K-State won 17-13.

Dodgeball full of exercise, fun



Erin Poppe | Collegian

Drew Tenbrink, senior in finance and accounting, leaps into the air to avoid a dodgeball. The game “is a good way to relieve stress,” Tenbrink said. “And it’s a good exercise for a big guy like me.”

Tyler Scott
staff writer

For many college students, multitasking is a simple part of life. The KSU Dodgeball Club team provides an opportunity to continue that part by relieving some stress, exercising and having fun at the same time.

Every week on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 p.m. at Ahearn Gymnasium, the dodge-

ball club hosts a plethora of games.

“Anybody can participate, and we get a big group of students who join,” said Mitch Hoffman, senior in mechanical engineering and president of the club.

Hoffman said the cost is only \$5 per person, and anyone who wants to play must sign a waiver before he or she can participate in any games.

“We have monthly dues of \$5 and the money goes to the club running and helps with any expenses we need,” Hoffman said.

Rules of the games are explained before they start, but some basic rules include the following: getting hit with a ball is an out, balls cannot be blocked and if a ball bounces

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Clifton discusses goals, performance

Marshall Frey
staff writer

As a freshman, Avery Clifton has already begun to come into her own on the cross country team, placing 10th in the Cowboy Jamboree last weekend. The Collegian caught up with her and chatted about her history with running and her goals for the future.

Q: What are your personal goals for the season?

A: My personal goals for the season are to run under 22 minutes for 6K and place in the top 25 at the Big 12 meet.

Q: How have you felt about your performances in the two races this season?

A: I have felt good about my performances so far. The first race was a lot like a high school race because it was 4K and a smaller meet, but the Cowboy Jamboree was my first real collegiate race, and it was a good learning experience.

Q: What is your favorite part about being on the cross country and track teams?

A: My favorite part is that I get to be with awesome people each and every day as we train together. We are like a big family. It is so fun spending so much time with everyone.

Q: What did being named Gatorade Runner of the Year mean to you last year?

A: I felt very honored. I feel like I joined a unique group of athletes that have been dedicated not only to their sport, but also in the classroom and in the area of service. I really liked this award for that reason.

Q: How did you get involved in cross country and running in general?

A: I got involved in cross country and running by my dad. I would always want to run with him as I got older instead of ride my bike next to him, so starting about age 12, I would run a little bit with him on his daily runs. In the meantime, I was playing competitive tennis, but I always ran on the side on my own. It wasn’t until my junior year of high school that I did cross country for the first time, because I played tennis my first two years. I ended up loving it.

I did track that year too, then my senior year I didn’t play tennis. I just focused on cross country. It has been that way ever since.

Q: What brought you to K-State?

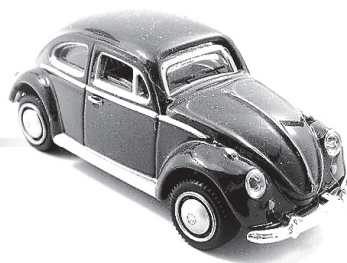
A: What brought me is that K-State is a perfect match for me. It has a strong program for the major I want to study, it is close to home, and it has an incredible cross country and track program. I couldn’t be at a better place.

Q: How has head coach Michael Smith improved your performance since arriving on campus?

A: Coach Smith has written very good training for me and he has helped me identify my weaknesses and work at improving those every day. He also helps me laugh and have a good time while I am training.

Q: What goes through your mind during races?

A: I am trying to constantly tell myself I am running for the team and not for myself. The team is more important, so when it starts to hurt, I need to keep pushing until the end.



POINT A, POINT B

Skyways, byways and highways

Elena Buckner
edge editor

When getting ready to leave town for a day, weekend or even a month, choosing a mode of transportation is an important reflection of how the rest of the trip will go.

The list of options is varied, ranging from cars and buses to trains, planes and boats. How can potential travelers decide how to get from point A to point B and anywhere else they want to go?

Planes

When traveling long distances, air travel is often a popular option. Despite the hassle of making it through security and hoping there won't be any screaming babies on the plane, flying remains the only way to travel thousands of miles in a matter of hours. There are important factors to keep in mind, however, when getting ready to hit the skyway. One of the first things to consider is timing; often the cheapest flights involve long layovers at one or more airports. This is fine if getting to the destination as quickly as possible is not the goal, but if speed is of the essence, keep in mind it might cost more.

Lacey Wood, office manager at Care Travel, said it is important to pay attention to time zone changes when flying and factor that in when choosing a flight time. For example, a seven-hour flight from Chicago to Paris can leave Chicago at 10 p.m. and land in Paris at noon the next day. Remember to pack wisely when traveling by air; a long delay or cancellation is just one storm or broken engine away and having essentials like a tooth brush, medications and change of clothes handy can make a stressful experience much less overwhelming.

Trains

Sometimes considered obsolete in an American world of big cars and jet-liners, trains continue to offer down-to-earth transportation without the hassle of getting driving directions for a cross-country trip. According to *amtrak.com*, Kansas has train stations in Topeka, Kansas City, Hutchinson, Dodge City and Garden City. Each of these stations serve locations like Saint Louis, Mo., Chicago, Ill., and Phoenix, Ariz. Although train travel is slower than cars or airplanes, it also offers the benefit of minimal effort while traveling.

"Train travel takes longer but is more hassle-free," said Mary Gugle, travel consultant at Jade Travel. "While they still check a photo ID for trains, there is no long security line like at an airport."

Gugle added that one benefit of

train travel is the scenery; it is an easy way to see the world between one destination and another without worrying about where to find the next gas station.

Boats

While the days of cross-Atlantic destination trips on a massive ocean liner are gone, boats are still a popular method of travel, especially with cruises.

Cruises are a good

option for people who like constant activity, Wood said, because the trip is designed to "move constantly from one location to another" and there are always several activities available on the ship itself. Cruises can include destinations as close as the Bahamas and as far as the other side of the world, but keep in mind that boating trips can happen much closer to home. Although boats are a large investment, they can provide a fun atmosphere for a summer weekend or autumnal fishing trip.

Many travelers from the Manhattan area like to book cruises leaving from Galveston, Tex., because it is within driving distance, so travelers can drive directly to the port, then get

on the ship.

Cars

One aspect of travel and transportation that is often overlooked is how to get around without a personal car. Brandon Scott, branch manager at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, said anyone over the age of 21 can rent a car for personal use whenever they want to and use it anywhere within Kansas, its bordering states and Texas.

Scott said there are different processes for renting with a credit card versus a debit card, but said it is simple for any students to rent as long as they have an available form of payment and two proofs of local residency, such as a school ID, utility bill for a residence in Manhattan or a student loan bill.

This can be one solution for students looking to travel to an away game who either do not have a car or do not have one reliable enough to take out of state; a group of friends can rent a car together and take it to almost any Big 12 Conference game.

No matter what method of transportation, it is important to keep the goal of the trip in mind. As long as the destination and the cost mesh together, the rest of the trip will fall into place.



Courtesy photos

Iranian student relates native culture, political viewpoint

Siavash Neshatpour is part of our weekly series on international life and travel featuring K-State students who have experienced studying abroad and students living and studying in their own countries worldwide.

Neshatpour is a native of Esfahan, Iran, and received a bachelor's of science in physics at Shiraz University in Shiraz, Iran. Neshatpour, who speaks Persian and English as well as some Swedish and French, is currently pursuing a doctorate in particle physics at a French university.

Q: What is your typical academic schedule?

For a bachelor in physics and most of the other majors, you have to pass 135 credits. Twenty credits are general courses such as literature, etc., and usually every course is two to four credits. For theoretical courses, we have an hour of class in a week for every credit and for experimental courses, such as lab, we have two hours of class for every credit. For example, for quantum physics, a four-credit course, we have four hours of class each week. Each semester is four and a half months and we have two semesters each year. Students normally have around 20 hours of class each week and it takes around four to five years to get a bachelor's.

Q: What kind of campus does your school have?

Our university had a number of campuses all over

the city with usually resident halls having two to three persons in each room.

Q: Do most students live in university housing or find their own accommodation? Does the university offer any sort of meal plan?

Most students live on campus at a university housing. Lunch is served at the university and students living in resident halls get their breakfast for the week at the beginning of each week.

Q: Do most students have a car? What is the most common method of transportation?

Not most, but many do. The most common method of transportation is bus, taxi or car. (The price of a taxi is very low in Iran and it's considered one of the usual ways of transportation.)

Q: What do you do on the weekends?

Sometimes I got together with my friends and we found a place to drink (inside, since it is illegal to drink alcohol in Iran, even though most people do). Also, it's very common that in a group of friends one of them has a ranch or villa outside the city, where many get together and spend the weekend. Going to coffee shops and restaurants is also something we usually do on weekends.



Courtesy photo

Siavash Neshatpour, native of Esfahan, Iran, is pursuing a doctorate degree in particle physics in France.

Q: What is the most popular night for drinking and where do people go? What is the most common drink?

The most popular nights are Wednesdays and Thursdays (in Iran, the weekend is Thursday and Friday). The most common drink is hard alcohol, mostly a drink similar to vodka.

Q: What do people do for fun without alcohol?

This may sound odd, but one of the things people do is drive around in their cars and go to specific streets, which are usually crowded with other young people driving, or rather, being stuck in the traffic. This is a usual place where telephone numbers are exchanged between girls and

boys. Again, going to coffee shops and restaurants is usual, too, as well as going shopping (or mostly window shopping).

Q: What is a typical date like?

A typical date is going to a coffee shop or restaurant.

Q: Is there a common "problem" around your school or the city?

At times, drugs become a problem.

Q: How common is tobacco use? What's the most popular "drug" after alcohol?

It is very common, and if "drug" also includes cigarettes, then that's the most common drug after alcohol.

But if you're asking about the most popular drug as in narcotics, it is opium. Iran borders Afghanistan, which produces 90 percent of the opium around the world.

Q: What kind of music do you listen to?

Almost every kind but mostly rock.

Q: What is your favorite thing about your country?

No matter how hard the government tries to keep the youth from having fun and preventing them from globalization, people have a very

good spirit and try their best to live a normal and fun life.

Q: How do you feel about your current government?

I find it to be an awful, irresponsible and incapable government, which not only is a totalitarian theocracy but at the same time is very incapable in economic and foreign policies.

Q: What's a common stereotype you or your friends have about Americans or American universities?

I think that Americans are very proud people who can sometimes become bullies but mostly are generous people. From the viewpoint of somebody like me, who is living as a foreigner in a European country, the most important feature Americans have is that they are not racists at all.

While this feature is sometimes seen in Europeans, Americans seem to not care from which country you are from and in that sense are fair people.

My view is that American universities, while having high standards educationally, can also be fun places to spend time at, and you don't need to have a hard time while studying and can have a lot of fun as well. Also I think that they have close ties with industries and that means a better chance for finding jobs after graduation.

Taekwondo club uses modern technology to practice ancient art

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

One of the newer sports clubs at K-State focuses on athletic sparring. The taekwondo team has been around for about three years, said Morgan Carter, team administrator.

Most people associate taekwondo with the image of two people fighting to the death. However, that image, while it might appear in a Korean

action movie, is far from reality. The modern sport features an electronic scoring system using chest guards and shoes with built-in sensors.

Before the widespread use of the electronic scoring system, teams relied on corner judges and a referee, Carter said.

"It's a lot easier than having someone eye it," she said. "It bumps up their technique and makes them work harder."

The chest guard contains

pressure sensors along the sides and front. Athletes also wear shoes with sensors. When an athlete's kick makes contact with an opponent's torso, the sensors register points.

In a tournament, one point is awarded for kicks to the torso and three points are awarded for kicks to the face, Carter said. The kick has to be solid, however, or the sensors won't count it. Tournaments decide whether or not

to award points for face kicks.

"The roundhouse kick seems to be the most commonly used kick," Carter said. "It's really fast and powerful; there are different angles to take the kick at."

For tournaments, men and women compete separate from one another, she said. But at K-State, they train together. There are four women and eight men in the club.

Carter said training against the opposite gender doesn't

affect the performance of those in the club; both men and women have strong kicks.

Tournaments have three different types of competitions: board-breaking, form and sparring. In form competition, the movement is precise and choreographed, she said. Athletes are judged on their technique and how well their movement looks.

Sparring is the most common area of competition. It features two competitors in

actual combat. There, Carter said, competitors see how well their technique works.

Not many schools have taekwondo programs, she said. It makes finding close competition hard. The club competes against KU, schools in Missouri, and a school in Iowa and Minnesota.

She said the team is looking for more teams around the region to compete against.

"It's kind of an obscure club and organization," Carter said.

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outside hitter Kelsey Black. With her first-place tie in the conference for kills per game and her lone first-place spot in service aces, she leads the Big 12 in points per game. However, Black is sporting a low .183 hitting percentage, which could mean with all the swings she is taking, she could

tire if K-State can keep the block going for long enough.

And that should not be a problem, at least not with sophomore middle blocker Alex Muff and freshman middle blocker Kaitlynn Pelger. Muff put herself into third place in the conference for blocks per game at 1.35, and Pelger rounds out the top 10 with 1.09. Muff said

she was not worried playing against Texas A&M's Black.

"I think that, with every team, our coaches really prepare us a lot to know how a hitter hits, where their tendencies are, what percentage of the time they get the ball," Muff said. "And so that really helps us as blockers and back-row defenders to know what we need to expect and be

ready."

If the attack should pass by the blockers, K-State's second line of defense is in good hands and more than capable of handling any fireballs. At last Tuesday's match, senior libero Lauren Mathewson moved into third place for her school in career digs with 1,462, only 117 away from second. For Saturday's match,

Muff said she was optimistic.

"I think we have a pretty good chance against A&M," Muff said. "I think we need to go in open-minded and be prepared and know that they are a good team and not underestimate them."

First serve is set for 6:30 p.m. in Reed Arena. Fans not able to attend can follow the match on [kstatesports.com](#).

SCHEDULE | Nebraska omission a 'bummer'

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between Texas Tech and KU is the longest the Wildcats will be away from home, which is a nice alternative to having a bunch of games here but then a bunch away. For the rest of the season, the team alternates between here and there — Oklahoma at home, Oklahoma State away. Texas A&M at home, Texas away. With Iowa State last on the slate, the Wildcats should have an opportunity to end with a bang at home.

Then there is that glaring omission from the schedule: the Nebraska Cornhuskers. As much as I hope we kick their collective rear on Thursday night for ESPN, it is a bummer we won't get to play them every year any more. It has always been one of the most competitive and compelling match-ups of the season and I am sad to see it go. All of which make this upcoming game all the more meaningful.

So, after football and basketball end this year and you are suffering through summer without a K-State team over which to obsess, feel free to check out the 2011 schedule and begin speculating. Of course, if you are reading this, you already have a head start.

SLAUGHTER | Linebacker finds 'home away from home' in team

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capabilities as it relates to tackling based on their size," Snyder said. "You've seen David Garrett, who's smaller than Blake is, to tackle well. It's the consistency of tackling that's the issue. I don't think it's the size that makes the difference."

One of three K-State linebackers from Texas, Slaughter has fit in well with the K-State family. He said the atmosphere of the team is awesome.

He has become close friends with junior linebacker Alex Hrebec, who starting talking to Slaughter about his faith one day and ended up sharing the Gospel with him. A week later, Slaughter said, he accepted

Christ into his life and began talking about it with Hrebec often and going to Bible studies.

"I feel like my faith has taken great strides since then, so I really appreciate him being a good friend," Slaughter said.

Assistant coach and defensive coordinator Chris Cosh also made an impression on Slaughter.

"Coach Cosh, he's a great coach," Slaughter said. "He's always going to push you. He's always expecting the best out of you. He believes in you and he's going to stand behind you. That helps."

Not wanting to leave anyone out, Slaughter mentioned other teammates, saying the list goes on.

"There's plenty of guys on the team who've shown me a lot of love and just brought me in and gave me a home away from home, so to speak," Slaughter said.

While the Wildcats will have a more difficult time if they allow this next week's opponent to break the red zone, the defense is determined to find a way to do its part.

"We just have to go out there and do what we do best and use our talents to the best of our ability," Slaughter said. "I feel like as a defense we definitely take steps in the right direction, moving forward and as far as assignments and doing what we're supposing to do and being where we're supposed to be."

DODGEBALL | Injuries few in fast-paced game

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off someone and touches another person before hitting the floor, both players are out.

The speed of the game can vary, but the club tries to make it go as fast as possible to get as many games played in one night. Hoffman said injuries are rare, and players don't have to play to their strongest every game.

"We never have any broken bones or strained muscles usually," he said. "If it's their first time playing, their arms may burn after the first couple games, but you don't have to go 100 percent every time."

Hoffman said another way to speed up the game is not to let players walk around with the ball. This helps them get rid of the ball more quickly and raises the chances of getting someone out. The team also looks for opportunities to travel depending on everyone's schedule. They usually take a four- to five-hour trip once per semester.

Hoffman said the team is planning to hold a tournament at K-State, but a date has not been determined.

"Besides the K-State tournament, we are also looking for local tournaments," Hoffman said. "We plan on doing one this spring in Kansas City."

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GRAIN | Celebration reflects wealth of history

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those facilities, we cannot fulfill the functions that make this program so unique.”

After the morning’s open house, the department hosts a lunch featuring a lecture from Roger T. Johnson, who will elaborate on the history of the Department of Grain Science and Industry.

“The lecture is ‘Dr. Shellenberger and the Russian Wheat Deal.’ That was a very historic and complicated deal because it was a sale of wheat to Russia during the height of the cold war,” Fowler said. “The Secretary of Agriculture sent Dr. Shellenberger over to Russia to ensure that the wheat sale went well. It was very important at the time.”

Festivities continue with the recognition of several department honorees, as well as the ground breaking of the new facilities on the west side of K-State’s campus. Financing the construction of the \$13 million campus was no easy feat.

“Funding came from a combination of state funds from the state of Kansas, and at least half will be private funds from alumni, friends and companies,” Maier said. “These facilities are important because our program is so unique. Our students not only spend a lot of time in the classroom, but they also get trained in places like feed mills and refineries.”

The celebration of the department continues into Saturday night with a reception and banquet dinner, and wraps up with a party hosted by grain science and industry



Today and Saturday, the Department of Grain Sciences and Industry will be hosting events in honor of the department’s centennial anniversary.

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students.

“The students have been amazing. They are well aware of the history of the department and its meaning to the industry,” Fowler said. “It’s been really exciting to see them get involved.”

“I’m volunteering to help with the events,” said Ashley Mueller, senior in grain science. “There are a lot of in-

dustrial people coming back and they give so much to the department and I think it’s important to meet them and let them know how much you appreciate them.”

The weekend’s events will no doubt provide excitement for the department, but Maier sees the event as a great opportunity to reflect on the history of the department with return-

ing alumni and professors.

“We have a tremendous history. It will be great to take time out to reflect on the great things others have done before us,” Maier said. “It’s an exciting time to reflect on our past and to project forward a vision for our future and where we are headed as a department.”

Fowler agrees.

“I am excited to see alumni and friends come back,” Fowler said. “This department emerged from putting an experimental little mill in the chemistry building, and it is now a cornerstone of the grain industry. It’s fascinating.”

A more detailed agenda of the centennial celebration is available at grains.k-state.edu.

ROBINSON | Students integral to knight’s visit

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with a standing ovation from students and faculty alike.

“I hope students will internalize the importance of discovering their own talents and strengths,” said Judy Hughey, associate professor of special education, counseling and student affairs. “That’s what their futures will be built on.”

“Sir Ken was really innovative and made me rethink my viewpoints on education,” said Aaron Fisher, freshman in music education.

The effort to bring Robinson to K-State was a cooperative endeavor among faculty, administration, the Manhat-

tan community and, above all, the students.

Jana Fallin, division chair of music education and professor of music, said it was the “student government that made the difference. SGA provided one-third of the money needed to bring Robinson to K-State. We couldn’t have done this without the support of the students.”

“I was really excited to come. I got my ticket a month ago,” said Stephanie Skinner, freshman in animal sciences and industry, as she purchased Robinson’s new book, “The Element: How Finding Your Passion Changes Everything.”

Currently, Robinson is on

a world tour presenting and promoting his book. The book is a New York Times Best Seller and is being translated into 16 languages.

There was a reception and book signing following the lecture. The book signing was an opportunity for students and faculty to meet Robinson.

Daniela Thrasher, senior in music education and German education, attended the book signing. Referring to Robinson, Thrasher said, “I got to talk to him for a good five minutes. He is very approachable and interested in his talking partners. It was one of the greatest experiences in my life — and I have met some cool people before.”

“I liked his perspective, his analogies and his insight into culture and cultural perspectives,” said Claudia Torrez, senior in Spanish education.

Robinson ended his lecture by comparing human potential to Death Valley. Robinson said in spring 2005, after receiving a record seven inches of rain, Death Valley finally bloomed.

Human potential is not dead, Robinson said; it simply lies dormant until the right conditions are present for growth.

“We are all born with unique sparks of possibility,” Robinson said. “Our best hope is to invest in the diversity of our own talents.”

INTERN | Required job experience debated

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experience with them.”

Internships are not just for the benefit of employers who want to groom eventual hires, however. Students would be wise to approach internships with their own interests at heart, Cunningham said.

“The way we look at internships, they are basically a two-month-long job application,” he said.

But, he said, the application process goes both ways.

“It’s not just for a company to find if they like you, but if you like the company,” Cunningham said. “If you can intern at several different companies, then you’ll have a better idea what you want from a job.”

The obvious upside of field experience has inspired K-State academic departments to consider making internships a requirement.

According to the department website, the digital media and public relation programs in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications each require students to complete at least one credit hour worth of internship field experience.

Students must spend at least 120 hours of time at the internship to earn one credit hour.

LaToya Farris, assistant director for Career and Employment Services and liaison to the College of Education and internships, understands the

importance of field experience, but remains uncertain of the philosophy requiring students to complete internships.

“I think internships are a great idea. They bring relevant work experience and there are statistics that show that employees are more likely to hire students that have had an internship with the company,” Farris said. “But it’s hard to require it because students are already so busy.”

Cunningham agrees requisite internships might be unfair to students, but it is due more to the scarcity of available positions than the busy nature of the college student experience.

“Primarily, it’s just a function of not being able to control it. This area is not big enough to be able to guarantee all of our students an internship,” Cunningham said. “It’s not fair to put that burden on the student when we can’t guarantee they will land one.”

Whether required or not, Cunningham advises all students to seek field experience prior to graduation.

“Don’t wait until senior year. Start looking for internships as early as sophomore year,” Cunningham said.

And for students worried about missing out on extra class time while fulfilling required internships, Cunningham has a simple question:

“In an internship, you learn so much through the experience — can you really say you are missing out?”

SGA | Senate encourages attendance leniency

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2009 to July 2010 for students and faculty to make them aware of the honor system. There were 2,064 students and 71 faculty members in attendance at these presentations.

Students have the right to due process, Allen said. If an instructor sanctions a student for academic dishonesty, students have a right to contest it. The program is working to ensure both students and faculty are familiar and understand the policy.

During the 2009-10 school year, there was an increase of 25 reports; 134 versus 109 in the previous year. Allen stressed a rise in reported violations does not necessarily mean that cheating has increased; it simply means more students were caught and reported.

Juniors, seniors and graduate students comprised 56 percent of the reported violators.

The senate passed two resolutions at the meeting. The first concerned LGBT rights. The resolution supports a city ordinance that would add sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protected classes.

Doing so would ensure protection for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transsexuals in Manhattan, said Samuel Brinton, senator and president of LGBTQ and More.

Brinton said the resolution was one of his major goals since joining senate.

“This is about protecting students in their housing and their employment,” Brinton said. “Those protections are already afforded to them on campus; this is about protecting them when they leave campus.”

Brinton said because of his

sexual orientation, he can be fired from his job or even be removed from his house. The passing of the resolution, he said, was not to promote the lifestyle, but to ensure LGBT citizens have equal protection of the law.

The second resolution that passed in senate was over the upcoming Thursday night football game versus Nebraska. In the resolution, it was stated the Student Governing Associate supports the decision to hold classes Thursday, but urges faculty and staff to understand it is a big event for students.

“The point of resolution is so faculty and staff understand that students play an important role for the game and it’s good for the university,” said Danny Unruh, student body president.

They were encouraged to write the legislation by Provost April Mason.

Tim Lindemuth, faculty senate representative, urged senators to vote against the bill unless the second section of the bill was removed. Section two encouraged faculty and instructors to show leniency on Thursday by not scheduling major exams, projects or assignments for the day.

The syllabi that instructors distribute at the beginning of the semester are like contracts, Lindemuth said. Since the dates for exams and projects are set in advance, he said, students should be prepared for them ahead of time.

“Asking for leniency for football game puts sports before academics; that’s not what we’re here for,” Lindemuth said. “It’s not a way to get ready for the working world.”

The resolution passed with section two included by a vote of 30-13-10.

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